

Administration from the University of Denver in 1955, a Master's degree in Social Science from the University of Chicago in 1958 and a Ph.D. in Social Science from Syracuse University in 1966. He served as president of the Society of International Development and the Association for Integrative Studies where he was a founding editor of *Issues in Integrative Studies*. He also is the author of *International Political Economy: Contrasting World Views* and the recipient of the Kenneth Boulding Award from the Association for Integrative Studies.

Dr. Miller married his wife of 55 years, Anja, in Helsinki. They moved to Brisbane in 1966 and she also served on the Brisbane City Council in 1970. They have a daughter, Elna, who lives in town with her twin daughters Julianne and Marissa. In his well-deserved retirement, Dr. Miller is looking forward to spending more time with his family and enjoying theater, ballet and Dixieland jazz.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor an exceptional scholar and public servant whose intellect and expertise have greatly benefitted the City of Brisbane. Raymond C. Miller's retirement will leave a big void on the city council, but his significant contributions will be felt for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DANTE CLUB'S 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the 100th year anniversary of the Dante Club in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The Dante Club has served as a place for Italians to embrace their culture, celebrate their history, and promote athleticism. Today, the Dante Club has over 900 members, a competitive racquetball league, and hosts widely attended social and cultural events throughout the year.

On November 7, 1915, a group of Italian men gathered in Springfield with the goal of creating a club promoting "culture, good fellowship, athletics, and good American citizenship." They named the club after Dante Alighieri, a highly acclaimed Italian poet and constructor of the Italian language. The Dante Club originally only accepted Italian members and sons of Italians, but later eased its membership restrictions, allowing men of other ethnic groups married to Italian women. In 1935, the Dante Women's Club division was formed, and in 1963 the Club's constitution was amended, allowing non-Italians to become members.

The Dante Club purchased its first site in 1924 in West Springfield. Thirty years later, the Club received notice that its property would be taken away in order to construct the Route 5 highway, so the members purchased the old Memorial School Building in West Springfield. This remains its current home today. The Club has had numerous improvements since its founding, and now includes a kitchen, banquet hall, and health center with racquetball courts. The Dante Club hosts a successful racquetball league, which runs from September to May of every year and includes six divisions with over 100 players. The health

center was opened in 1970, and has trained several notable athletes, including the Michigan State hockey coach Amo Bessone, and Gene Grazia, 1960 U.S. Hockey Team Olympic Gold Medalist.

Mr. Speaker, the Dante Club's founders have succeeded in organizing a center in America to preserve and celebrate Italian culture and values, while fostering friendships and promoting athleticism and community. I wish the Dante Club the best in its future endeavors, and look forward to watching it prosper for years to come.

HONORING MAJOR BRYAN WHITTIER

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major Bryan Whittier of the United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the Nation. After nearly four years of faithful service in the Nation's capital, Major Whittier will transition from his present assignment as an Army Liaison in the Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison to the Army's 2nd Scout Cavalry Regiment in Vilsack, Germany.

Major Whittier has demonstrated the invaluable service that Army Congressional Liaisons provide to the Congress. He enabled countless Members and staff to develop better understandings of Army policies, operations, and requirements. His first-hand knowledge of military needs, culture, and tradition was a tremendous benefit to Congressional offices. Prior to service as a Liaison, Major Whittier was assigned to my office as a Military Fellow where he quickly became an indispensable asset to our team. His performance was superb and he earned my utmost respect during his tenure on my staff. Major Whittier also completed a Master's Degree from George Washington University during his time here, demonstrating his commitment as a Warrior and a Scholar.

Major Whittier is a native of Scottsdale, Arizona; he commissioned through Norwich University ROTC in 2003. During his twelve year active duty Army career, he has excelled in numerous leadership and staff assignments as an Officer and UH-60 Blackhawk aviator. Major Whittier served as a Rear Detachment Commander and as an Assault Company Commander for 36 months in the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, KY. From there, he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for twelve months. Prior to command, Major Whittier successfully executed duties as a Battalion Operations Officer, Battalion Adjutant, Company Executive Officer, and Platoon Leader, during which time he conducted a twelve month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His dedication to excellence has not gone unnoticed. Major Whittier was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the NATO Medal, and numerous others. He has earned the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, Army Senior Aviator Badge, Combat Action Badge and the Army Staff Badge.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize the selfless service of Major Bryan Whittier and the support and dedication of his wife Shelley and their two children, Bryley and William. I wish them the very best as they continue their service to our great nation and proceed to the next chapter in their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY OF PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to congratulate the Piedmont High School football team on their state championship win in the 3A class.

The Piedmont Bulldogs defeated the Bayside Academy Admirals 44-7, on December 3 at the Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Taylor Hayes, Piedmont quarterback, and Darnell Jackson, running back, were the standout players of the game with a combined 124 yards on 18 carries and four touchdowns between them. Hayes also made the play of the game, with a 48-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

Piedmont's coach Steve Smith said, "Our kids played their best football when it mattered the most—at the end of the year."

This victory marks the second state football title in the school's history, and set school records for wins in a season as well as points scored.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Piedmont High School on their achievement. Go Bulldogs.

IN RECOGNITION OF WEMU 89.1'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate WEMU 89.1 radio station on their 50th Anniversary. As a Member of Congress and a long-time listener and supporter, it is my honor and privilege to recognize their commitment to providing first class news and entertainment to our community.

Founded on December 8, 1965, WEMU 89.1 began its broadcasting service from the Quirk Building for Eastern Michigan University with the goal of delivering local news and showcasing jazz, blues, and community musicians. Since then, WEMU has grown into one of the most popular news and entertainment stations serving the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area. WEMU is an affiliate of National Public Radio, which allows the station to provide first rate national news and programming while continuing to maintain its focus on the community and region it calls home.

WEMU has become a part of the fabric of our southeast Michigan community. Over the course of fifty years, they have transformed themselves from a small university radio station into a go-to destination for balanced, informative news and entertainment. In an age